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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR INTEGRALLY PACKAGING
OPTOELECTRONIC DEVICES, IC CHIPS AND OPTICAL
TRANSMISSION LINES

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-20), with traverse. At the very least, Applicants respectfully request that the inventions of Groups I and II be maintained in this application.

As set forth in MPEP § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though the application contains claims to independent and distinct inventions.

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While the inventions of Groups I and II may be distinct for the reasons set forth by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that simultaneous examination of such Groups will not present a serious burden. Indeed, the inventions of Groups I and II are commonly classified in Class 385 (although purportedly different subclasses 88 and 14, respectively). The inventions of Groups I and II recite common subject matter related to an optical bench. In such instance, Examiner's search and analysis for the claims of Group I will undoubtedly overlap that which is required for the claims of Group II.

In such instance, Applicants respectfully submit that it would not be a serious burden for the Examiner to simultaneously examination the inventions of Groups I and II. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Examiner maintain at least Groups I and II in the same application.

Respectfully submitted,



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